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Prof. Dr. Asa Gray

My dear Sir,

Your favor of Oct 2^d came to hand today. Many thanks for so long a letter which is rather unusual on account of its length. It is highly appreciated.

It is true Bolander's ~~shrub~~ will be run into the ground; for he is quite satisfied yet to be above it. But since this is a tall and conspicuous shrub, overlooked by many a traveller, I beg for the first time in my life to have it named Bolanderi. Strange! I hope dear Doctor, it may not strike you so. Going to a new country on the top of a

stage for two days and
two nights without venturing
of closing even one eye, for
fear I might miss one plant,
deserves a little allowance.
And just in commemoration
of this youthful endurance
I ask the grace on your
part, to permit me, for once,
to give this shrub my name.

If you do so I shall
send you next year either
seeds or roots.

Yours
most respectfully
Bolander